

PATENT APPLICATION
Serial Number: 09/960,668
Attorney Docket Number: SYN 1780

REMARKS

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Applicants hereby submit this Supplemental Amendment responsive to the telephone conversation between Applicants' Attorney and Examiner Pascal on December 12, 2005, regarding the non-final Office Action—Date Mailed: September 9, 2005, Paper No. 10, for which a response was filed on December 9, 2005.

Claims 1-5, 7-21 and 22-66 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 13-17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26-31, 34, 37-39, 41-48, 50-54, 56, 57 and 59-65 are hereby currently amended. Claims 12, 18 and 25 are original. Claims 9, 11, 19, 32, 33, 35, 36, 40, 49, 55 and 58 were previously presented. Claims 6 and 22 were previously canceled without prejudice. Claim 66 is hereby added as a new claim. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that Examiner had previously stated, during her telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney on May 24, 2005, that she would address the matters the Office Action—Date Mailed: April 21, 2005, Paper No. "in stages," and she would contact Attorney for Applicants prior to specifying claims and issuing any subsequent Office Action. However, Examiner Pascal, instead, issued the non-final Office Action—Date Mailed: September 9, 2005, Paper No. 10.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Pascal for her telephone interview with Applicants' Attorney regarding the present application on December 12, 2005.

During the December 12, 2005 telephone conversation, Examiner Pascal acknowledged that Claim 3 and all dependent claims are allowable if there is positive recitation of all needed elements.

Applicants maintain with traverse the election of species and subspecies made on June 10, 2005, as elected in Applicants' Preliminary Amendment B and Response to Restriction/Election Requirement.

However, by this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have reinstated all claims withdrawn in Amendment A, filed on December 9, 2005, and respectfully request that Examiner Pascal re-evaluate and reconsider the scope of Applicants' invention and all of the currently pending claims in their entirety. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that Applicants'

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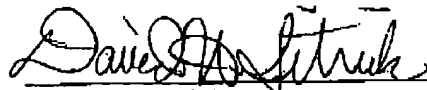
election of species and subspecies does not preclude consideration of interrelated matter drawn to several Figures additional to those that were identified by Examiner as drawn to the elected species and subspecies. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that by this Supplemental Amendment, any and all objections and rejections are hereby traversed and overcome, and the application is in proper form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance or Allowability is respectfully requested.

The Director has been previously authorized to charge any additional fees and credit any overpayments during the pendency of this application to Sitrick & Sitrick's Deposit Account Number: 501166. No additional fees are due.

The Examiner is invited to directly communicate with the undersigned, if it will in any way facilitate the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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